

**To:** Walt Sanders[wsanders@vmgthehill.com]  
**From:** McQueen, Jacqueline  
**Sent:** Thur 5/14/2015 6:48:23 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting Request on possible study on safety of synthetic turf and crumb rubber

Yes, Walt, I circulated both of those early this morning to ORD, Children's Health, OCSPP, and OSWER (staff, since Barnes already got it). I heard that Barnes is out this week.

You are welcome to keep me in the loop and anything that you send me will be sent to the larger, EPA group.

Jackie

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**From:** Walt Sanders [mailto:wsanders@vmgthehill.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2015 2:45 PM  
**To:** McQueen, Jacqueline  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting Request on possible study on safety of synthetic turf and crumb rubber

Jackie,

Did you have the opportunity to circulate our letter to the Association of State and Territorial

Health Officials and our letter to Barnes Johnson? We are also working with the House Appropriations Committee to provide EPA some level of support for cooperating with ASTHO on what Barnes wants to accomplish. Should I keep you in the loop on that effort?

Walt

**From:** McQueen, Jacqueline [<mailto:McQueen.Jacqueline@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2015 7:35 AM  
**To:** Walt Sanders  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting Request on possible study on safety of synthetic turf and crumb rubber

Thanks, Walt. I will share this and the Mass. letter with others in the Agency.

**From:** Walt Sanders [<mailto:wsanders@vmgthehill.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2015 3:18 PM  
**To:** McQueen, Jacqueline  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting Request on possible study on safety of synthetic turf and crumb rubber

Jackie,

I'm not sure if Barnes passed this onto you but you should have a copy of the letter we sent to Bob Vanderslice on Friday.

Walt

**From:** Walt Sanders [<mailto:wsanders@vmgthehill.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 08, 2015 11:55 AM  
**To:** 'rvanderslice@astho.org'  
**Cc:** 'Johnson, Barnes'; 'Heard Smith'; 'Rom Reddy'; 'Darren Gill'  
**Subject:** Meeting Request on possible study on safety of synthetic turf and crumb rubber

Dear Mr. Vanderslice,

My firm has been working with the synthetic turf industry, EPA, CPSC and other Federal and state agencies on the safety of synthetic turf and crumb rubber. We met with Barnes Johnson and other EPA officials last week to update EPA on the progress of the industry on the safety issue and on what further studies could be undertaken to explore whether or not there is a relationship between cancer and crumb rubber. Current research studies already have concluded there is not such a relationship. However, during our meeting, Mr. Johnson suggested that we reach out to you at ASTHO to see what your organization could do to help facilitate a broad epidemiological study on the cancer issue. I have attached a letter signed by three synthetic turf companies – *FieldTurf*, *Sprinturf* and *AstroTurf*, which comprise well over 70 of the market share of the industry, formally requesting ASTHO's participation in this effort.

In their letter, the companies are requesting that you provide some dates and times the week of May 18 where they could meet with you to discuss this issue further.

Please let me know if you need any further information regarding this matter.

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